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SUBJ: KIDNAPPING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. EMBASSY REQUIRES URGENT PRESS GUIDANCE FOR HANDLING  
QUERIES ON KIDNAPPING OF AMB. DUBS. THERE IS EXTREMELY  
LARGE U.S. AND WESTERN PRESS CONTINGENT NOW PRESENT IN  
ISLAMABAD FOR BHUTTO SAGA. MANY HAVE AREA RESPONSIBILITIES  
INCLUDING AFGHANISTAN. WHILE NEWS OF KIDNAPPING HAS NOT  
YET SURFACED PUBLICLY HERE, PRESS CORPS IS ALREADY AWARE  
THAT "SOMETHING IS GOING ON IN KABUL". WE HAVE DECLINED  
TO COMMENT.

2. WE WOULD RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
BASIC FACTS, IE., THAT KIDNAPPING HAS OCCURRED AND  
AMB DUBS IS BEING HELD AT KABUL HOTEL. THAT WE HAVE NO  
INFORMATION AS TO IDENTIFY OR DEMANDS OF KIDNAPPERS! AND  
THAT DRA IS WORKING TO EFFECT SAFE RELEASE OF AMBASSADOR.

3. ADVISE ASAP.

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